

WOMT Summary for April 17, 2012

WOMT met and discussed the following:

The Smelt Working Group agreed that given their present distribution, current salvage, and Delta conditions, risk of entrainment of delta smelt remains low and therefore, the Working Group recommends that no change in operations is necessary to adequately protect delta smelt from entrainment. The Working Group also agreed that given their present distribution, existing constraining conditions was sufficient to protect longfin smelt. The Working Group will continue to monitor smelt salvage, adult and larval smelt survey data, and delta hydrological conditions and will reconvene April 23, 2012, at 10 am.

Currently as of April 17, 2012, the FWS and DFG deem that no additional actions are needed for protection of delta and longfin smelt.

DOSS advice to WOMT and NMFS is to continue operating to at an OMR limit of -3,500 cfs until the Railroad Cut trigger of nine sentinel steelhead is met, at which time the projects must reduce pumping to meet an OMR limit of -1,250 cfs (or minimum health and safety combined exports of 1,500 cfs, whichever is greater).

NMFS accepts the DOSS advice and determines that the OMR flow of no more negative than -3,500 cfs from April 15-30, 2012, until the Railroad Cut trigger of nine sentinel steelhead is met to reduce pumping to meet an OMR limit of -1,250 cfs or minimum health and safety combined exports of 1,500 cfs, whichever is greater, is consistent with the intent and objective of OMR flow management, as provided in the technical memorandum.